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**Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING)  
Monthly Field REPORT**

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**1. Program Implementation**

- a. Major activities:
  - a. Senior Technical Specialist Jeff Gray led the work plan development workshop in Accra on July 30 and 31. The workshop was attended by RING partners and stakeholders, including the RING G2G Personal Services Contractors including Community Engagement consultant Bethany Davidson, Nutrition consultant Lauren Brooks, and Agriculture/Livelihoods Specialist Ben Anamoh.
  - b. Coordination and a draft MOU with SPRING was developed during the reporting period.
  - c. Start-up team met with the Minister of Local Governance and Rural Development to provide an overview of the RING program.
  - d. Tamale office location was identified and negotiations with landlord commenced.
- b. Milestones reached: There is no update to this section during the reporting period.
- c. Progress against the work plan: There is no update this reporting period.

**2. Outreach / Communications Update**

- a. Success Stories: There is no update for this reporting period.
- b. Update on stories in local media: There is no update to this section for this reporting period.

**3. Knowledge & Practices**

- a. Lessons learned: There is no update for this reporting period.
- c. Outputs accomplished: Process on the work plan continued but otherwise there is no update for this reporting period.
- d. Monitoring and Evaluation:
  - a. Work continued on Program Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (PMEP) throughout the reporting period.

**4. Staffing**



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- a. Global Communities' Director of Program Operations, Randy Lyness, mobilized to the field as acting Chief of Party.
- b. New positions
  - a. Global Communities on-boarded and began work with three USAID-referred PSCs.
    - i. Bethany Davidson as a Community Outreach consultant
    - ii. Lauren Brooks as a Nutrition consultant
    - iii. Ben Anamoh as an Agriculture/Livelihoods Specialist
  - b. Global Communities on boarded and mobilized DFA, Ahmed Kassim.
- c. Global Communities has continued recruitment efforts for local staff, while prioritizing the administrative support positions.
- d. Request for Approval of Key Personnel, COP Jerry Turnbull was submitted to, and approved by USAID. Jerry Turnbull came to HQ for orientation then immediately mobilized to Ghana.
- e. Departures: There is no update for this reporting period.

## **5. Partners**

- a. Work Plan development workshop was conducted in Tamale and Accra.
- b. Work Plan coordination meetings were held with all proposed RING partners and stakeholders
- c. PMEP efforts were ongoing.

## **6. Pending Issues Requiring Follow up**

- a. There are no pending issues requiring follow up at this time.